

# 'SOAK-THE-PEOPLE' TAXATION ---LABOR MUST STOP IT

An Editorial

THE warning which CIO President, Philip Murray, has just sounded in the ranks of labor against the proposed "defense" taxation is indeed a timely one.

His direct challenge that the Administration's proposed taxes on low incomes and consumer goods constitute "wage cuts by taxation" hits the issue squarely.

The proposed tax program demonstrates that the Administration is determined that labor and the people must bear the brunt of the war costs.

The Administration obviously is acting on the theory that if it cannot compel labor to lower its standard of living by accepting wage-cuts and longer hours, that it will accomplish the same purpose through heavy taxation on labor's wages and retail buying.

The Government's proposed taxation is a "soak-the-people" program. It leaves the wealthiest individuals and corporations pretty much untouched.

In a very direct sense, therefore, the trade unions of the nation are menaced by the Administration's tax program which in reality turns out to be a flank attack on the recent wage gains which labor has won through hard struggle and sacrifice. What labor wins from the employers, the Government proposes to take away through taxation, and hand it right back to the employers as payments for war contracts.

IT is not only labor which faces this danger. The middle classes, the farmers, small merchants and home owners, face this danger as well.

In defending its gains from the ravages of "soak-labor" taxation, the trade union movement assumes the leadership of a fight which involves the entire nation. It becomes the leader of the other groups in the population who feel the blow of a tax policy which so sedulously protects the biggest monopolies. Labor, the farmers and the middle classes here have a common fight, in which the trade unions have the opportunity to strengthen their alliance with and leadership of the entire people.

In contrast to the Administration's tax plan, Murray proposed to Congress three major principles for taxation: 1-No taxes on incomes below \$1,000 for single and \$2,500 for married men, and the abolition of all sales taxes except on goods that are plainly luxury. 2-No additional excise taxes or sales taxes, and no extension of income or surtaxes on the above mentioned incomes. 3-All new taxes to be collected by levies on high individual incomes, on estates, on growing corporation profits, on excess profits and tax exempt securities.

The trade unions must get into this fight at once. It is crucial to their welfare and their families.

Not only must resolutions and delegations go to Washington; energetic proposals for united action with other groups of the population in every community, farmers, middle classes, merchants, will speed the fight.

The "soak-the-people" tax plans must be replaced by a "soak-the-monopolies" program.

## People's Convention Flays British Gov't War Policies

Calls for 'Effective Parliamentary Opposition to Fight for People's Needs; Demands Better Distribution of Food Supplies

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, May 6.—A call for "an effective Parliamentary Opposition which will speak boldly in the interests of the people," combined with a devastating criticism of the coalition government's inept policies, was contained in a letter addressed individually to all members of Parliament today by the executive committee of the People's Convention.

The letter refers to the gravity of the situation facing the country, and declares:

"It is generally realized, particularly by the most skilled and experienced workers in the factories, mines, railways and other branches of the war machine, that the military situation is itself in large part the result of the inefficiency, waste and corruption prevailing in industry under the present regime."

The letter then refers to the food situation, declaring that millions of people consider the inequitable distribution of supplies as proof that the wages of the great vested interests are placed before the needs of the working people.

The letter adds:

"These are the results of a year of Coalition Government. When the Labor Party joined forces with the Conservatives to form a Coalition Government, the people were told that 'national unity' would be the country's salvation. But concern of people and not of wealth has shown the country what interests the Coalition represents."

"The people are increasingly uneasy. But unlike certain friends of Hitler in high places, they are neither despairing nor defeatist. They are conscious that it isn't the

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**Greyhound Bus Strike Talk in Capital Renewed**

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UPI)—Company and union officials resumed conferences today in an attempt to settle a strike which has tied up the Pennsylvania Greyhound Bus lines since Sunday.

Sam B. Berong, spokesman for the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America (AFL), said the dispute involved a general wage increase, improved working conditions and establishment of a union shop.

James W. Ford, member of the National Committee of the Party will also speak.

Paul Novick, editor of the *Freiheit*, Ben Gold, president of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, and Sadie Van Veen, director of the Women's Committee of the Communist Party of New York will be featured speakers.

Max Steinberg, secretary of the National Council of the Jewish Committee will be chairman.

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Eastern New York—Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.

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# STALIN NEW SOVIET PREMIER

## Pepper Demands FDR War Dictatorship

### Senator's Plan Urges U.S. Entry Into Conflict, Smashing of Labor

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6.—Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, urged today that President Roosevelt institute a full-fledged war dictatorship vested with power to crush strikes by trade unions.

In a speech on the Senate floor, Pepper outlined a detailed plan for military involvement in the war by the United States accompanied by dictatorship.

Highlights of the speech, which attracted unusual attention because Pepper frequently acts as a White House spokesman, included:

(1). Declaration of a full national emergency by the President.

#### URGES SEIZURES

(2). Seizure by the United States of Greenland, Iceland, Dakar, the Azores, Cape Verde and the Canary Islands. In a summary of his speech released before delivery Pepper had also included Singapore.

(3). Use of American pilots, seamen and sailors in military and naval activity in Europe.

(4). Convoy not only for British merchant ships but also for American ships to be loaded with war supplies for Britain and manned by American seamen.

(5). Lifting of ban on enlistment of American pilots in Chiang Kai-shek's army so that "fifty American planes with American pilots at the throttle can make a shambles of Tokio."

(6). An attack on the Soviet Union with the allegation that it has "moved into the sphere of the Axis powers."

(7). "A draft of the brains of America" so that the war machine can utilize inventors, scientists and the like.

Pepper declared that "it is time for the United States to get tough" and added ominously that the American people are ready "to spill their blood" in a new war for democracy.

At the same time that Pepper made his pro-war speech on the

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## Penna. State AFL Protests Vinson Bill

### President of Federation Warns Delegates of New Attacks

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 6.—James L. McDevitt, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, reporting at the second session of its 40th annual convention, warned the delegates today that attempts are being made to crush the unions through introduction of restrictive legislation.

The letter then refers to the food situation, declaring that millions of people consider the inequitable distribution of supplies as proof that the wages of the great vested interests are placed before the needs of the working people.

The letter adds:

"Democracy with us seems to be attacked in a different way in the legislative halls, declared McDevitt. 'Mingled with the cries for national defense are the demands by ill-informed and labor-hating legislators for the imposition of restrictive legislation on labor. In the name of national defense, they now seek to crush our movement. The legislative hoppers have been flooded with bills seeking to deny labor the exercise of democracy at home in the name of protecting democracy abroad."

He particularly singled out Congressmen Hoffman, Vinson, Cox, Hendricks and Smith as enemies of labor rights. He dealt with the Vinson anti-strike bill and called upon the delegates to do everything in their power to defeat it.

A survey of all the defense strikes that have occurred in the United States will definitely demonstrate that those strikes have occurred in industries where collective bargaining is not a part of the company policy. A survey will also demonstrate that the defense strikes have largely occurred in those industries where employers have not only been thwarting collective bargaining, but they have also been boycotting and sabotaging the program of national defense," stated McDevitt.

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## Maine Truck Drivers Win Strike for Higher Pay

PORLTAND, Me., May 6 (UPI)—Trucks rolled on Maine's highways today following settlement of a 15-day statewide strike of 700 drivers.

Retiring to April 1 and binding for a two-year period, the contract gave wage increases of five to eight cents an hour, and time-and-a-half for overtime.



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Persecution Victim Out: Louis Hatchios, after serving nine months in Federal prison as a victim of the Federal government's persecution of the Furriers' Joint Council, CIO, was yesterday back among his fellow workers. Shown at Grand Central Station, where he was met, left to right, Calliope Hatchios, his wife; Euthemus, his 3 year old son; Agnes, his 4 year old daughter and Louis Hatchios.

## Hatchios Free, Welcomed by Fur Workers

### Union Leader Served Almost Year After Denial of Bail

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6.—Organized wealth today proposed a sweeping tax program to place the war burdens squarely on the backs of the poor and completely relieve the rich.

He served a sentence of a year and a day—a total of nine months and 20 days, after good time was deducted.

Hatchios was in high spirits and jovial. He was met by his wife and two children, Agnes, 4, and Euthemus, 3, along with a union committee headed by Max Torchinsky, business agent.

Ironically, his case is still under appeal to the United States Supreme Court. The four were refused bail. Hatchios again declared his innocence and a hope that the appeal would at least vindicate him although the nine months and 20 days he served in prison cannot be returned to him.

The government, in its "obstruction of justice" case, based its testimony on the word of one Tom Zaras, who has a long record of convictions for various crimes and was twice caught entering the country illegally. The testimony from Zaras was obtained as he was in Ellis Island, scheming to avoid a second deportation.

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#### PROGRAM FOR RICH

He proposed:

A retail sales tax or "a general manufacturing excise tax." He did not say whether such levies would be passed on to consumers or paid by the manufacturer.

Lowering individual personal exemptions.

Increasing normal rates on income and corporation taxes now fixed at 44 and 24 per cent, respectively.

Houston boldly suggested that workers in defense industries should be relieved of a substantial part of

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## British Blast Iraq Posts as 'War of Oil' In Far East Spreads

Axis Reports 3,000 Imperial Troops Encircled on Euphrates; Iraq Shells Habbaniya in Attempt to Storm Base; Fighting Along Haifa Line

LONDON, May 6 (UPI)—The "war of oil" spread over larger areas of Iraq today after a breakdown of neutral peace feelers when British bombers blasted destructively at Iraqi military positions and weakened the five-day-old siege of Habbaniya air base.

Axis reports said that 3,000 British troops within the besieged base on the Euphrates, including Australians, were completely encircled but that the Iraqi forces were unable to storm Habbaniya because it is surrounded by barricades of high tension wires.

Irati artillery, these reports said, is constantly shelling the base in an effort to destroy its power house providing electricity for the wire barricades, although the power house may be underground.

The Berlin radio, quoting Baghdad accounts, said British planes had raided the Iraqi capital, killed or wounded several civilians and damaged a Moslem mosque, in addition to bombing to map broader and swifter action to buttress Britain's war effort.

The announced purpose of the conference was to act on Mr. Roosevelt's order for greatly expanded production of heavy bombers for "absolute" supremacy of the air.

What other problems were discussed remained a matter of conjecture. The conferees emerged from the White House grime and uncertainty. There nevertheless was every evidence that matters of a momentous nature were canvassed exhaustively.

Mr. Roosevelt considered the conference to be of such importance that he cancelled all other engagements except his semi-weekly press conference. That, too, subsequently was cancelled when the White House announced that the President was running a degree and a half of fever because of a slight gastrointestinal upset.

In the most audacious "soak-the-poor" effort to date, the National Association of Manufacturers today urged Congress to enact a general sales tax, broaden the income tax base to tap lower-bracket wage earners and lighten corporation and dividend levies.

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The successful appeal was argued before the state's highest court by attorney H. B. Lee, who served as attorney general of West Virginia for 8 years.

Defense attorneys who tried the case before Judge Kilgore and who laid the basis for the appeal were Harold W. Houston, noted labor attorney.

The court also ruled, in an opinion written by Judge John N. Kenney,

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## Wheeler Freed in Court Reversal of Conviction

West Virginia Supreme Court Dismisses Indictment

Against Communist Leader; Calls Trial Judge

in Error; Had Been Sentenced 1-10 Years

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 6.—In a unanimous decision today the Supreme Court of West Virginia reversed a lower court conviction of Oscar O. Wheeler, Communist Party candidate for governor in the last elections who was given a 6 to 15 year sentence for securing signatures to a petition nominating petitions.

On Monday, June 9, the case will be called up in the Criminal Court of Raleigh County at Beckley and the indictment against Wheeler dismissed. He will be formally freed on that day.

In its ruling today the Supreme Court not only reversed the conviction but held that trial Judge Harry M. Kilgore, now a United States Senator, was in error in failing to grant a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal.

The court also ruled, in an opinion written by Judge John N. Kenney,

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## 1,000 Auto Unionists Condemn Reuther, Frankensteen Move to Bar Communists

By William Allan

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 6.—A recent public statement appearing in the Detroit newspapers, by UAW-CIO Executive Board members Richard T. Frankensteen and Walter Reuther to the effect that they were going to introduce an amendment to the union's constitution at the Buffalo Convention, barring Communists and others from holding office in the union, was condemned by a mass meeting of 1,000 members of Local 137 of the UAW-CIO with only ten dissenting votes.

The condemnation of the action of the two Board members came through the introduction of a resolution that emphasized the need for unity within the union at this period when labor is being attacked

by employers who seek to do away with unions and use the charge of Communism as one of the chief weapons.

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# Danish Workers Defy Occupation Army at May Day Meet

## NAM Asks For Tax Revision To Soak Poor

Demand Sweeping Sales Levy, 'Relief' in Profit Surtax

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their earnings through lowering the tax base.

Houston said the NAM feels that a "further broadening of the tax base" rather than imposition of surtaxes, is "the soundest method of securing additional revenues" from wage earners. The Treasury's proposed \$3,000,000,000 revenue program contemplates a surtax of at least 11 per cent on all taxable income.

All income tax proposals submitted thus far, Houston said, "would tend to fall in major degree upon the great white-collar class of workers whose incomes tend to remain practically constant." He thought the sales tax and broadened tax base would reach "those who are now enjoying a very substantial increase of income because of the national defense program."

In thinly-veiled language the NAM spokesman made it plain that his group would produce defense materials only if the tax bill were drafted their way. In this respect his testimony recalled industry's earlier insistence upon unlimited profits in defense—a demand to which the Roosevelt administration agreed with alacrity.

The tax bill, he said, should be based on the principle of raising revenue "by rates which will neither interfere with national productivity, dry up the source of government revenue, or intensify the difficulty of post-defense adjustment."

### ASKS PROFIT "RELIEF"

It was in his proposals for "relief" in corporation dividend and excess profits taxes that Houston outdid previous efforts of capital to shift burdens to the poor. "To provide a workable tax system," Houston suggested the following revisions in the tax laws:

1. Elimination of multiple taxation of inter-corporation dividends.

2. Allowance of consolidated returns for normal tax purposes.

3. Permission for time extensions for filing returns whenever required, conditioned on filing tentative return and payment of one-fourth the estimated tax.

4. Extension of the two-year loss carry-over to five years.

5. Relief for individuals from normal taxes on dividends received.

He also suggested a series of amendments to the excess profits tax to reduce what he termed "the extent of existing inequalities." Their general effect would be to ease the law's provisions and to permit wider latitude in computing excess profits.

Rep. Jere Cooper, D. Tenn., pointed out that present law requires tax returns from single persons making \$17 a week, or married couples making \$43 a week.

### General Mobilization In Iraq Reported

BUDAPEST, Hungary, May 6 (UPI).—Newspaper reports from Baghdad said today that the Iraq government had ordered general mobilization, called up all reserves for the army, and enforced severe measures against "British propagandists."

## U.S.S.R. Celebrates 29th Anniversary of Pravda

(Wireless to Intercontinent News) MOSCOW, May 6. — May 5th marks twenty-nine years since the publication of the first issue of the legal Bolshevik daily paper, *Pravda*, founded in 1912.

The *Pravda* anniversary has become the traditional holiday of the Bolshevik press marked by the Soviet people. During the past year the Bolshevik press has grown and strengthened, parallel with the general progress of the national economy and culture of the USSR.

During this year over 100 new district and city newspapers, thirty regional and republican papers and ten all union papers in different branches of economy were issued.

For the first time the working people of the Baltic Republics and Bessarabia have now a free press.

The figures on the growth of the press reflect the rapid rise in the culture and material well-being of the peoples of the Soviet Union.

In 1913 Russia in its present frontiers had 859 newspapers with a circulation of 2,700,000 copies.

In 1940 more than 8,500 newspapers were printed with a circulation of close to 38,000,000 copies.

The newspapers were printed in 86 languages and appear in the most remote parts of the country. Isparta, in the polar circle, issues a daily "Bolshevik Zaporaya." The inhabitants of Chukotka and Kol-

## BROWDER Says



TWENTY YEARS after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and ten years after the adoption of the Constitution, with its Bill of Rights, our country had an experience very similar to what we are going through now. Under the administration of President Adams, there was adopted a series of measures known as the Alien and Sedition Laws, under which they put a lot of people in jail, closed down newspapers, and pretty generally conducted a reign of terror. This reign of terror was directed against what they called "foreign agents"—subversive and "Red" elements.

Do you know who these subversive elements were? Those were the people who rallied around Thomas Jefferson at that time and founded the Democratic Club; all over the country. President Washington issued a special message to the country, denouncing these Democratic Clubs and these subversive influences and these foreign agents. They were "agents of France" then.

They were stressing the ideas that had first come to complete expression in the great French Revolution. A lot of people in the United States were scared about that French Revolution. But one of the great leaders of the country was not scared. That was Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson had represented the United States as

ambassador to France. He had seen the conditions under the old regime and saw them crushing out the lives of the people, and he knew that the Revolution was the only hope for civilization. When the French Revolution came, he said, "America will rise or fall with the French Revolution. American democracy will live or die with the French Revolution." Although I am a man of peace, he said, "I would rather see that Revolution go through to the end, even if it means the loss of half the lives in Europe, rather than to see it stop, because the defeat of the French Revolution would be the greatest defeat that the human race could suffer."

Thomas Jefferson held those ideas, and he fought for democracy in America. He understood that the defense of the French Revolution was part of the fight for democracy at home. And despite all their Alien and Sedition Laws and throwing people into prison, inside of a few years Thomas Jefferson became President of the United States. He not only became President of the United States, but the party that fought against him never came back to power again and quickly disappeared from American history; and the only way you can ever find out about it is then to read about it in books.—"The Second Imperialist War"—pp 234-5.

## Spanish Aid Group Asks Hull Act To Free Picasso from Vichy Jail

The United American Spanish Aid Committee yesterday telephoned Secretary of State Cordell Hull in Washington urging him to intercede with the Vichy Government of France for the release of Pablo Picasso, famous Spanish painter, now imprisoned in a French concentration camp.

Picasso is threatened with deportation to Franco Spain, where his life would be in grave peril.

The committee asks Secretary Hull to facilitate the artist's entry to the United States.

Picasso, founder of the Cubist school of painting and a leader in the field of post-impressionism, was called back to Spain by the Republican Government during the Civil War to take charge of the Prado Museum in Madrid. The artist, aged 59, had been living in France since 1903.

The Mexican Government gave Picasso an entry permit recently and 60 Mexican artists and writers cabled Marshall Petain, head of the Vichy Government, urging the painter's release.

The United Spanish Aid Committee's wire to Hull follows:

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# Italian-Americans in Forefront Of Labor Gains, Peace Struggle

Ford Strike Example of Active Role in Cementing Unity

By M. D'Inzillo

Italian Americans are taking a most active and important part in the progressive movement in the United States today.

On all fronts they are joining with other Americans in the fight against the imperialist war, in the struggle for civil rights, and the drive for a labor movement, independent of the war mongers.

The Italian Americans' work in the labor movement was seen at its best in the recent Ford strike in Dearborn, Michigan, where men like John Gallo, former welterweight boxing champion of Michigan were very effective. Some 12,000 to 15,000 Italian American auto workers took part in this great struggle against the biggest open shop industrialists in America.

These 12,000 to 15,000 Italian American strikers stood up against the tremendous propaganda and terror launched against them by the Ford-Bennett agents, the local Italian fascist press, the Social Democrats and above all the Administration's all-out-for-war agents.

None of these forces shook their determination to fight along side the Negro and white workers at Ford's.

Articles in *L'Unita del Popolo*, the Italian American labor paper, tell of their splendid fight. Excerpts from an article by Johnny Gallo, follows:

**GALLO'S TRIBUTE**

"The Ford workers have done what seemed impossible and that was to cause the Ford Empire to stay at a standstill for ten days. A lot of Ford workers thought that the union would never pull Ford Motor down, but now they have seen it accomplished successfully.

"The unity of the workers, especially the unity of Negro and white brothers, made the victory easier. Ford wanted to cause a race riot in order to defeat CIO, but the Negro and white brothers wouldn't play that kind of game.

The Italian-American workers have played an important role in this drive. The majority of volunteer organizers at the beginning of the organizing drive were Italians. One Italian signed up 200 Ford workers in the union. Another signed up 150. Many other Italian workers have done just as well but there isn't enough space to give all their names.

The Italian-American workers want to be free Americans and obtain job security for themselves and their families. They left Italy because they were oppressed there and came here to make their homes so that their children could live a better life. But these workers know that this can be obtained only by struggle. These workers know these gains will be guaranteed only by extending democracy more and more and by keeping our country out of the European conflict."

**A WOMAN SPEAKS**

The work of the Italian American women in the strike was of key importance also. The following article in *L'Unita del Popolo* by Olympia Fabbri, tells of their work on the picket lines and in the strike food organization:

"Tuesday, April 8, was Women's Day at Ford! Led by the all-women Drum and Bugle Corps of Local 155, three thousand women marched down Miller Road—wives, sisters, daughters and sweethearts—electrifying pickets as they passed the gates. The band was playing 'Solidarity Forever.' Old Glory was waving in the sunshine with the union banner. Pickets waved and cheered their women folk as they passed by. This was Women's Day! The women were demonstrating their support and solidarity with the Ford workers.

"Being an Italian-American woman I was naturally interested in the number of Italian women there. I was far from being disappointed. I learned that many of them had never taken part in the struggles of the workers before. Not knowing the union songs, they sang 'Un marzolino di fiori.'

"When the many thousands of Italian workers at Ford's went on strike their women folk were electrified into action. Their men were fighting the beast that sent them home too exhausted to eat, often so fatigued that they just stretched out on the floor for hours. Their men were fighting against the dreaded speed-up, against the insults and spying which they had to endure. They could not sit home idly.

"The Ford strike broke the hesitancy of the Italian women in taking part in the labor struggles of Detroit. Thousands of them can not speak English well. During the strike, neighborhood groups of these women would go to the picket lines and the kitchens. The language barrier was soon broken. No matter where they went they recognized other Italian women. The Ford Women's Auxiliary will have a tremendous effect on the lives of these women. It will take them out of their small world into the bigger world of the struggles of the workers, where they rightfully belong. Italian-American women are on the march in step with labor."



JOHN GALLO shown at his home with his wife, Anita, and daughter, Theresa.



JOHN GALLO in fighting pose in the ring.

## School Board Asked to State Negro Staff Policy

CCNY Dismissal of Yergan, Noted Educator, Brings Petition Demanding Clear-Cut Position on Appointment of Negroes

The Board of Higher Education yesterday was petitioned to state its "policy and practice with regard to the appointment of qualified Negroes" to the teaching staff of the four colleges operated by the City of New York, this action being prompted by the failure of City College to re-appoint Dr. Max Yergan as special lecturer on Negro History and Culture.

The Greater New York Coordinating Committee for Employment, in conjunction with other progressive civic groups in Harlem, is leading in this new drive to enlarge vocational opportunities for Negroes.

Entitled "An Inquiry into the Appointment of Negroes to the Teaching Staffs of the Municipal Colleges of New York," the brief addressed to the Board of Higher Education questions "the factors which have so limited the appointment, conditions and opportunities of qualified Negroes." It is made clear in the brief that although Dr. Yergan had lectured at CCNY for four years, he had never been a member of the regular teaching staff "with the regular tenure and rights as others."

**BRIEF DEMANDS REPLY**

The brief asks the following questions:

"Is the 'young scholar, also a Negro,' who will be appointed as 'special lecturer' by the history department to give this course in Negro History and Culture also to be relegated to a tenuous and insecure position like Dr. Yergan's?" (The inner quotations are from the announcement made by Dr. Harry N. Wright, acting President of City College, of Dr. Yergan's dismissal.

Reference is made to Dr. Laurence D. Reddick, Curator of the Schomburg Collection in the 135th St. Branch of the New York Public Library.)

"Is it the policy of the Board of Higher Education, the College of the City of New York, or the Department of History of that college to employ a Negro only to teach a course in Negro history?

"In the history of the municipal colleges, how many Negroes, if any, have held regular positions on their teaching staffs?"

**REOPENING OF THE CASE**

DETROIT, May 6 (UPI)—The United Automobile Workers Union (CIO) struck for higher wages today at Ex-Cell-O Corporation's three Detroit plants which make machine tools, aircraft engine parts and marine engine parts.

Picket lines formed at the gates of the plants. The day shifts reporting between 7 and 7:30 A. M. did not attempt to pass the lines.

The company now employs 3,000 workers. Mounting defense orders were expected to add at least 2,000 more to the payroll by midsummer.

The company received \$1,816,000 order from the U. S. Navy for aircraft engine parts and propellers.

It previously had been given a \$1,680,000 expansion contract from the Navy. Other defense products made at Ex-Cell-O are shell turning machines, cutters, drills, grinders, broaches and mills.

A tentative agreement providing wage adjustments and an increase of 5 cents an hour for workers who had not received raises since March 1, was rejected by the union rank and file Sunday despite recommendations for accepting by UAW-CIO negotiators.

## No Forest Fires in State

ALBANY, May 6 (UPI)—No forest fires were reported yesterday, for the first time since April 5, but the Conservation Department warned that danger continues and forests will not be reopened until after soaking rains have fallen.

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DETROIT, May 6 (UPI)—The conference held under the sponsorship of the National Negro Congress here last week to force 7,000 Negro jobs in the Glenn Martin Aircraft factory in this city, has stimulated a widespread organizational drive against the Jim-Crow policy of this giant "defense" corporation.

Six hundred and sixteen delegates representing 236 organizations, including 124 CIO unions, five AFL unions, two independent unions, 75 Elks organizations, 28 youth groups, and many peace, fraternal, and church groups, from all sections of Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey, adopted a militant program for cracking the anti-Negro citadel in Baltimore wide open.

The resolutions passed unanimously at the conference linked the struggle for Negro jobs in defense industries with the whole character of the imperialist war and called for Negro-white unity in defense of peace, civil rights and trade union progress.

The conference acted to send a

delegation to present to the President, Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of War Knox and the OPM, a demand that Glenn Martin immediately hire 7,000 Negroes. The plant now employs 18,000 workers and is engaged on government contracts approximating \$350,000,000.

**MILITANT PROGRAM**

The conference adopted a move to mobilize a strenuous protest campaign against Sidney Hillman's reneging of his pledge that he would move to open up defense jobs for Negroes. Hillman, an associate of OPM, not only has thus far failed to carry out his promise, but has failed even to give any promise of improvement when a delegation of Negro leaders called on his office last week. The conference called for picket lines in front of his Washington office to register their protest.

Despite red-baiting attacks on the conference and the National Negro Congress by the Afro-American Negro newspaper published here, the unity of the delegates and the militancy of the conference forced

the newspaper to publish a weak apology after the conference to the effect that perhaps their reference to the Congress "was not true."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which had been for weeks making an empty threat to picket the defense industries not only did not do any picketing here but were conspicuous by their absence from this conference. The news release from the national office of that organization dated April 25th clearly shows why. Under the heading of "Labor Shortage May Benefit Race" they say "the increasing seriousness of the European situation and the absorption of more and more men in the army make it possible that the industrialist may be forced to seek Negro labor in the near future."

The able leadership of John P. Davis, national secretary of the NNC, clearly contrasts the weak policy of Walter White of the NAACP. White prefers to make backdoor negotiations with the industrialists and wait because they

## AFL Counsel Flays Texas Violation of Labor Rights

Anti-Strike Bill Called Unconstitutional in Padway Article

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UPI)—The American Federation of Labor said today that anti-strike legislation recently adopted by the Texas state legislature is an "invasion of the rights and liberties of workers" and should be declared unconstitutional.

"In this day and age, after the United States Supreme Court has with such force and clarity defined the basic rights of workers, to find even the state of Texas attempting deprivation of them is astounding," AFL General Council Joseph A. Padway said in an article entitled "Texas repeals the Constitution."

He added that other states are considering enactment of similar laws which "by camouflage and subtle language" deny workers the right to strike.

**HITS ANTI-LABOR BILLS**

There is a wave of anti-strike propaganda in the United States at the present time, brought about by the enemies of labor "under the sanctimonious cloak of preventing interference with national defense," Padway said.

The Texas law makes it a felony and a penitentiary offense for a person to prevent or attempt to prevent any person from pursuing his lawful vocation.

The language of the law, he said, would allow a court or a jury "to run wild in the interpretation of facts and to hold almost any statement in the course of a strike to constitute a threat of force of violence and to hold any form of picketing to constitute an attempt to prevent persons from engaging in their lawful vocations."

The purpose of the law, he said, is to impose "criminal guilt" on any person or persons who meet and vote to strike, which, he added, is a right recognized by the Supreme Court and the Constitution.

The state of Texas, in passing this anti-strike legislation, has violated one of the most necessary and sacred of American rights—the right to freedom of speech," Padway said.

**Asks U.S. Probe In N. Carolina Voting Set-up**

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 6.—Militant union spirit has caught fire in thousands of small unorganized shops here in the wake of the big struggles in mining, steel, auto and farm equipment.

Here's one sample.

On May 1, a worker in the Industrial Lamp Co. approached Field Representative Robert Travis of the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers Union, and asked him what could be done to improve wages in the plant. He was told to go in and immediately sign up as many as possible into the CIO as a first step.

Then it happened.

That afternoon the worker, Jimmy Zarola, was fired. That evening all 350 employees walked out on strike in protest. The next morning Travis and a committee of strikers called on the management and walked out with the following:

1. Closed shop. 2) Ten cents an hour blanket increase. 3) Strict seniority rights. 4) Vacations with pay.

Of the 350 employees in the shop, there was something like 340 who had signed union applications—the missing one appeared to be down with the measles.

**Repair Seized Ships**

WASHINGTON, May 6 (UPI)—

The Maritime Commission has ordered repair of 27 seized Italian vessels, it was learned today.

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# ROOSEVELT MADE THESE 'PROMISES' -- THE PEOPLE WANT THEM KEPT

SEPT. 3, 1939.—"Let no man or woman thoughtlessly or falsely talk of America sending its armies to European fields."

Earlier, on JANUARY 3, 1939, he said:

"I can understand the feeling of those who warn the nation that they will never again consent to the sending of American youth to fight on the soil of Europe."

Bidding for votes in the elections, Roosevelt said, on SEPTEMBER 11, 1940:

"I have one supreme determination to do all I can to keep war away from these shores for all time. I stand with my party on the platform, adopted at Chicago. (This promised that we would never again send another expeditionary force to fight on foreign soil.)"

The people's fears were not quieted. Roosevelt promised again, on OCTOBER 23, 1940:

"To every man, woman and child in the nation I say: Your President and your Secretary of State are following

the road to peace. We are arming ourselves not for any foreign war. . . . It is for peace I have labored, it is for peace I shall labor all the days of my life."

Still the people were worried. On the eve of the elections, Roosevelt became almost frantic on his promises.

On OCTOBER 30, 1940, he said:

"And while I am talking to you mothers and fathers, I give you one more assurance. I have said this before, but I shall say it again. Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars."



Boeing Aircraft Workers listen to organizers for the United Automobile Workers (CIO), near the plant gates in Seattle. The union is conducting a drive for 15,000 members there.

## 1,000 Auto Workers Flay Move to Ban Communists

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cial Democratic influence of one of Reuther's followers, William Stevenson, local president.

At one time the local was known as one of the most progressive. But with the deadening effect of Social Democracy, weighing heavily on many of its actions many forces recently saw the once militant local take a passive stand on many vital issues. Without doubt, Social Democratic policies are now being challenged and defeated by the rising militancy of workers.

A division of the local Sunday, the Ex-Cello plant workers voted down unanimously a proposed contract secured through mediation that gave them a five per cent raise only to those who had not received a raise since last March. Many of them had received increases since last March. Many had not.

The workers demanded a union shop and a ten per cent blanked raise. They had taken a strike vote more than a week ago when negotiations bogged down and because of the strike vote, a mediator was rushed to the scene.

The mediator together with Reuther's follower, Stevenson, had "gotten" the five per cent raise and no union shop. The workers listened in silence when the proposals were read out. When Stevenson finished, cat calls and hooting commenced with the workers voting the compromise down unanimously. Typical Social Democratic class collaboration arguments of "sacrifice" and "national unity" for defense were of no avail. Many of the workers arguing against the compromise said that with the soaring profits of the company through national defense, with the rising cost of living that workers face and with the shop unionized 100 per cent, they wanted and were going to get their full-demands of ten per cent raise for everyone and the union shop.

The local union meeting where the resolution condemning the proposal of Frankensteen and Reuther was passed also took the "opportunity" to condemn the actions of the notorious anti-labor and red-baiting Judge Tuttle, whose attacks against the Ford Organizing Committee have made front page news in the employers press.

The meeting passed a motion asking for the removal of Judge Tuttle from the bench "because of his observations about the CIO and because his observations" already made in his eyes a union member guilty even before he is tried."

The combination of all these actions reflects the rising political understanding developing among the auto workers. All of their recent struggles, the Ford strike, the present GM contract demands that the auto workers are fighting to obtain, all of these mass movements are being red-baited and distorted by reactionary forces of the employers, their agents and the brass check press. The upsurge against compromises and red-baiting by Social Democrats, by the members of Local 157, is a sample of how great sections of the unionized auto workers feel about the red-baiting of militants who today lead the fight for improved working conditions. The actions of Hillman's followers, Reuther and others, in stalling on the GM contract demands and postponing twice strike action voted by the workers, is deeply resented by sections of the auto workers. Talk about "sacrifice" for "defense" and his family

## Mayor Alone Talks Strike, TWU Says

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MacMahon Points Out Union Is Anxious to Avoid Tieup

All talk of an "inevitable" strike on New York's transit lines has thus far come only from the office of Mayor LaGuardia, Douglas L. MacMahon, international vice-president of the Transport Workers Union, CIO declared yesterday.

He added that the union is anxious to avoid a strike. If the Mayor is as anxious to avoid a walkout, he could easily settle the situation by bargaining with the representatives of the 32,000 workers, MacMahon wrote.

MacMahon made the statement in a letter to the New York Times which he made public, replying to assertions in a Times story yesterday that the Mayor would have been able to take a "defense" post in the city "were it not for the threat of a transit strike."

"During the last thirty days, the only talk of a transit strike has come from the office of Mayor LaGuardia and from persons closely associated with him," wrote MacMahon.

## Nazis Bomb Liverpool for 6th Night

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torney, and Frank Burdette of Charleston, W. Va.

Wheeler, who was charged with securing signatures to nominating petitions under "false representations," was convicted by a jury on Aug. 6, 1940, after a trial marked by bitter hostility from the defense.

Wheeler was given a 1 to 10 year sentence on the charge for which he was tried, with an added 5-year sentence which Judge Kilgore said was "mandatory" because of a previous conviction for opposing the first World War.

At the trial Pitt O'Brien of the office of the Secretary of State was called as a prosecution witness and testified that the Communist Party had filed sufficient signatures to warrant a place on the ballot and had compiled fully with the law.

Twelve witnesses who testified for the state, all of them signers of the petitions, did so under threat of prosecution.

Wheeler, during his trial, testified that he was a member of the Communist Party "and proud of it."

On the day of his conviction, Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, made the charge that "it has come to my knowledge that this campaign was ordered from circles close to the White House, and that it was based upon advice of Democratic machine leaders that in several states the Democratic ticket is in danger of losing the election without the support of the Communists, and it was therefore necessary to keep the Communist Party off the ballot because it is determined to run its own ticket."

The violation of the electoral rights of Communists, Browder said then, "and such high-handed outrages as that against Oscar O. Wheeler in West Virginia, if allowed to go without effective challenge, marks the beginning of the end of all free elections in the United States."

Trial Judge Kilgore himself was running as a Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate during the trial.

After his conviction, Wheeler was confronted with every possible obstacle to his release on bail, and it was not until Dec. 6 that his attorney Houston succeeded in winning a court decision forcing Raleigh County authorities to accept a \$5,000 bond.

Wheeler was freed from the county jail in Beckley, where the trial was held, on Dec. 7. He went immediately to his farm, Crab Orchard, three miles out of Beckley, where he has since been supporting his family.

PRO-COMPANY UNION

Edwin S. Smith is the only member who has insisted on maintaining the traditional pro-labor policies of the Board and maintained a consistent record of dissent from the anti-labor decisions of Millis and Leiserson.

Smith DISSENTS

Board Member Edwin S. Smith, in his dissenting opinion, stated:

"Although the circumstances have in no way changed since the Board's original determination of appropriate unit, the majority of

## Stalin Named as New Premier of Soviet Union

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said that cadres decide everything, that that is the main thing now.

"During the past six years the Bolshevik Party and Soviet Government accomplished a great work in raising the qualification of commanding and army engineering personnel of the Red Army, striving that they satisfy the demands of modern military science, of modern warfare. During the past few years, profound changes have come to pass in the Red Army. On the instructions of the Party and Soviet Government, the Red Army on the basis of the experience of modern warfare has been reorganized considerably and rearmed.

"Stalin's historic directives in his speech delivered at the graduation meeting of the commanders of the military academies will inspire all commanders of the Red Army, all students and teachers of military academies to further, even greater

successes, to new and glorious victories.

"The composition of this year's graduates differs in many respects from that of past years.

"All students of the academies successfully passed the state examinations this year, although they were more exacting.

"A considerable number of students qualified for the diplomas with excellent marks. A number of graduates passed the fighting test in battles against the Finnish White Guards, in battles at Hassan and Khaikin. The 1941 graduates include a number of Heroes of the Soviet Union.

### MILITARY CHANGES

"The experience of the second world imperialist war shows that big changes are taking place in the art of warfare.

"The application of new means of warfare, combined with the perfection of earlier existing ones, changes the prevailing conception

of the methods of conducting warfare.

"Today incomparably higher demands are made on the commanding personnel. Beyond the frontiers of the Socialist Fatherland are the flames of the second imperialist war. The entire burden of its countless miseries are being shouldered by the working people. The people do not want war. They are raising their voice in protest against the war. Their eyes are turned to the land of socialism which is reaping the fruits of peaceful labor.

"They justly see in the armed forces of the socialist Fatherland—the Red Army and Navy—a reliable bulwark of peace.

"In the present complex international situation," concludes Pravda, "we must be prepared for all surprise developments. This demands of the Red Army men and commanders a high sense of discipline, courage, endurance, determination and great skill."



Rare Arrival from Antarctica: From the continent at the bottom of the world comes this petrel, brought to New York by Herwill M. Bryant, biologist member of the Byrd Antarctic expedition. Bryant shows wing spread of a giant petrel. The birds will be sent to National Zoological Park in Washington.

## People's Convention Flays British Gov't War Policies

### Calls for 'Effective Parliamentary Opposition' to Fight for People's Needs; Demands Better Distribution of Food Supplies

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British people but the interests in control who are responsible for the present inefficiency.

"In this situation, great responsibility rests on every member of Parliament. The members of Parliament still have time to act and speak for the people. It is still possible for men of good will in all parties to end the paralyzing grip of the Coalition policies, which stifle criticism and protect those who have failed the people.

### FOR STRONG OPPPOSITION

"The time has come to form an effective Parliamentary Opposition which will come out boldly in the interests of the people. There is a growing feeling in the country that members of the Parliamentary Labor Party should insist on their leaders leaving the Coalition and taking their place with all those striving for a new policy of real defense of the people against their enemies at home and abroad.

"In our view nothing short of

the program of the People's Convention, adopted by delegates representing one and a quarter million working people last January, will meet the essential needs of the people. Above all, it is necessary that emergency powers immediately be used to take over the banks, land, means of production, armaments factories and other large industries in order to organize our economic life in the interests of the people.

The committee approves of budget and reports in Knox's office.

It postponed until tomorrow action on a bill authorizing lighter-than-air bases at Norfolk, Va., Boston and San Francisco.

DEFENSE AT HOME

"The plundering of the people in the interests of the great corporations must be stopped. Air raid

precautions must be drastically overhauled, bombproof shelters constructed and adequate arrangements made for the care of air raid victims. Trade union and democratic rights must be restored.

"If these measures are taken and a government truly representative of the people comes into power, it will be possible to defend the people against their enemies at home and abroad, and achieve a people's peace which will establish fraternity between nations."

The letter is being widely circulated now, and the newspapers, as well, contain an increasing number of suggestions for a stronger Parliamentary Opposition.

### Morante Named Franco Minister of Interior

MADRID, May 6 (UP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco has named Col. Valentín Galarza Morante Minister of Interior, it was announced today.

Franco himself had held this key post for months. It carries with it control of the police, mayors and the censorship of the press.

Franco's brother-in-law, Ramón Serrano Suñer, was Minister of Interior until he was made Foreign Minister.

### Report Renewal of Iraq-German Relations

BERLIN, May 6 (UP)—An official news dispatch from Berlin today reported indications at Baghdad that the Iraq government had decided to renew diplomatic relations with Germany.

## Carpet Workers Win 3 1/2-Cent Wage Raise

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., May 6 (UP)—

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told the House Naval Affairs Committee today that it is "critically important" now for the Navy to have a landing force ready for operation with the fleet.

He did not amplify his remarks made in reply to a suggestion by Rep. Melvin J. Maas, R., Minn., that the U. S. Navy's landing force—the Standard Oil subsidiary put in a bid for a \$3,000,000 gallon asphalt contract in connection with the Egin Field of the Army Air Corps in Florida which was \$55,000 higher than that made by the Allied Materials, Inc.

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## Press O'Dwyer To Seek Out Panto Killer

### Demand B'klyn D.A. Act in Murder of Leader of Longshoremen

Demands that the murderers of Peter Panto, rank and file longshoremen's leader, be brought to justice were pressed yesterday by a delegation of trade unionists, who visited District Attorney William O'Dwyer in Brooklyn.

Panto disappeared in 1939. Last January 29 his body was found encrusted with lime in an improvised grave near Lyndhurst, N. J.

The murdered worker had been leading the rank and file dock workers who were demanding real union conditions and protesting strong-arm rule by representatives of the International Longshoremen's Association, whose president is Joseph Ryan.

O'Dwyer said the investigation would be continued, regardless of where it might lead. The delegation again pressed him for results.

The delegation included two members of the Peter Panto Memorial Committee, also representatives of the National Maritime Union, the United Wholesale and Warehouse Workers' Union, the Transport Workers, the Furriers, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, the Amalgamated Meat Cutters, A. F. of L., and other A. F. of L. and CIO unions.

## 350 Workers Strike B'klyn Cosmetic Firm

### UMW Chemical Division Acts After Firing of Unionists

Three hundred and fifty workers of the Vulcan Proofing Co., 57th St. and First Ave., Brooklyn, went on strike at noon yesterday after the firm attempted to fire several workers for union activity.

The men are members of Local 12165 of the Chemical, Drug and Cosmetic Division, District 50 of the United Mine Workers, CIO. The plant's entire working force is involved in the walkout.

The company's action follows their acknowledgment that the union holds an overwhelming majority of the workers. Nevertheless it attempted to set up a company union and tried to dismiss several of the most active unionists. The strikers massed before the plant, which is working on defense orders, and shut the firm tight.

## East New York Strikers Hold Mass Picket Line

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' CIO, yesterday mustered its Brooklyn forces in a mass picket demonstration before the Pennsylvania Manufacturing Co., Pennsylvania Ave. and Linden Blvd., Brooklyn, as the answer of the 100 striking employees against the "back-to-work" movement of the firm.

The union has been striking for a \$14 a week minimum, closed shop and other conditions for the past six weeks and has held a united, solid picket line before the company's doors despite provocation, threats and police attacks.



Just a few days ago, President Roosevelt pooh-poohed rising prices, and blamed it on housewives, who, he suggested, rush to the stores and buy up large quantities in advance of expected increases. In other words, the old "housewife hoarding" gag, to blind the people while the monopolies do the real hoarding and cash in.

Wouldn't it be nice if we housewives could afford to have what we wanted?

But the real facts slip out from time to time, even through government publications. Very enlightening statistics, occasionally, reveal the amounts of food that would be sold if the people got enough to eat.

The following quotation, for instance, from Consumers' Guide, gives an illuminating picture of "under consumption" of milk. Since these facts were tabulated last winter, with prices taking mighty leaps ever since, there's no doubt that the story is even more tragic now.

"Six weeks after a 5-cent milk program had been set up for low-income Washington consumers, economists in the Bureau of Home Economics asked 622 of the families how much more milk they consumed."

"For all the 622 families, there was an 84 per cent increase in fluid whole milk consumption. Consumption went from an average of



**Pilot Killed as Plane Crashes:** This smouldering wreckage is all that was left of a twin-engined experimental training plane after it crashed near Wichita, Kansas, causing the death of Maj. Gen. George P. Moody, who was at the controls. The plane crashed after climbing one hundred feet during a takeoff.

## Fail to Reach Agreement in Fur Trade

### Joint Council of Union Calls Special Meet; 20 Shops Struck

Following an all-night conference which broke up at 5 A.M. yesterday and another meeting from 11 to 3 P.M., negotiators for the Furriers' Joint Council and the Associated Fur Coat and Trimming Manufacturers parted without reaching an agreement.

The union held that the agreement previously reached with the employers, and already approved by its membership, must go into effect. The employers, it was learned, did not deny that Abe Chalkin, who negotiated the pact, was their accredited representative named to negotiate, but insisted upon several changes. Those include revision downward of some of the wage increases, April instead of January to be the ninth "no-discharge" month, and that the yearly mid-season higher scales apply after July 1 and not on June 15 as provided in the approved pact.

Last night delegates of the Furriers' Joint Council held special meeting at the union's headquarters, 250 W. 27th St., to hear a report.

The employers were scheduled to hold a special membership meeting at Pennsylvania Hotel to consider their threatened lockout if some 20 shop strikes now in progress were not called. The shop strike continued, but each of the employers received a special telegram informing them that their meeting was called off "until further notice."

One viewpoint on the action of the employers is the fear by the ruling group of the sentiment among their members, many of whom are calling for a settlement because the season is getting into full stride.

**Bennett Rules Strikers  
Shall Get Pay Earned**

ALBANY, May 8 (UPI)—Attorney General John J. Bennett ruled today that employers may not withhold the earned wages of workers on strike.

The question arose in the case of an employer who claimed the right to withhold wages already earned "as an offset to damages" allegedly resulting from the strike.

**Civil War Vet Reaches  
105; Is Ski Enthusiast**

OLD FORGE, N. Y., May 6 (UPI)—Charles J. Jeannette, New York State's oldest Civil War veteran, began his 106th year today.

Jeannette, who took time out from celebrating his 105th birthday anniversary to vote in a town referendum, said skiing was a "wonderful sport."

## Fleming Hints Scraping of Wage-Hour Act

### Look Magazine Article Lays Basis for New 'Defense' Axe

Wage-Hour Administrator Philip B. Fleming hinted today in a nationally-circulated magazine that the wage-hour law may be the next piece of important progressive legislation to feel the axe of the "defense" program.

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Fleming's assertion of a shortage of this type of skilled worker has been repeatedly denied by both AFL and CIO unions, who charge that many tool and die makers above 45 years of age, while capable and trained, are denied employment because of their age. The manufacturers want younger skilled men who can stand the increasing speed-up in industry. Meanwhile, the National Negro Congress and other organizations have been making a national issue out of the fact that skilled Negroes are finally barred from employment.

### LAYS BASIS FOR ATTACK

Fleming, after laying the groundwork for an attack on the wage-hour law, said he opposes a relaxation of the law in the so-called non-defense industries. He admitted that "most of those who want the law relaxed are far more interested in getting cheap labor than they are in national defense."

The significant danger lurking in Fleming's magazine article is that the post of Wage Hour Administrator is one of upholding the law and insisting upon its rigid application in industry. Fleming's attack therefore seems as a "feeler" on the part of the Roosevelt Administration.

### CIO Fur Union to Hold Spanish Aid Affair on May 17

CIO fur workers of New York, led by the Furriers' Joint Council, the Joint Board of Dressers and Dyers, and Local 125, International Fur and Leather Workers, are planning a benefit for Spanish trade unionists in French concentration camps.

Markowitz, quite angered by his failure to obtain a dismissal, injected red-baiting, referring to Louis Weinstock, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council as a "communist commissar" and that the incident at the union's office was not one of gangsters vs. a union, but of "communism" vs. "Americanism."

Samuel Sacher, attorney of the District Council, hit back at the attempt to bring "communism" into the situation and declared that it was high time hoodlums should not get away with causing \$1,500 in damage and assaulting persons, as the five under charges have.

The men under charges are Sam Lemkin, Teddy Moskowitz, a Sing Sing long-timer; Teddy Miller.

Archie Kastrow and Jack Breen.

They were due to be tried by the union for a similar wrecking job in March, when they staged the raid on the office. Lemkin tossed a chair through a third-story plate glass window, narrowly missing persons walking on Seventh Ave.

**Top-notch labor basketball teams, including the Trade Union Athletic Association championship quintet of the Furriers Joint Council, will participate in this gala trade union benefit. The Joint Council five will meet Local 16, United Office and Professional Workers; and Local 64, Fur Merchants, will play Local 125, Fur Floor and Shipping Clerks Union.**

### Fire in Car Plant

PITTSBURGH, May 6 (UPI)—

Fire which swept through a large section of the wheel and axle shop of the Pressed Steel Car Co. in suburban McKee Rocks last night, caused damage estimated by company officials at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

**Just as we got all fixed up at last, with a wardrobe full of padded shoulders, here come those dolman sleeves again! In the coat above, they're combined with a gathered back and a big inverted box-pleat to make a very different-looking outfit. The plaid is cinnamon brown and powder blue, and the blue hat is banded with a brown grosgrain ribbon. By the way, look out for these diagonal plaid unless you have slim hips.**

## Olgin's Heritage---Freiheit Carries Forward Battle of Jewish Masses

By S. W. Gerson

This is the story of a check, of an editor, of great struggles and a great love. It is the story of the Morning Freiheit, organ of America's Jews without money.

Maybe the check itself tells the tale. It's small, as checks go, only eleven dollars and seventy-three cents. It represents the total estate of the late Mosse J. Olgin, until his death in 1939 the revered editor of the Freiheit.

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On  
The Score  
Board

Billy Must Have  
Hated to  
Leave Gallagher

By Lester Rodney

A walk, three singles and a double! From .197 to .275. Mr. Billy Herman certainly didn't waste much time showing how sorry he was to get away from his dear friend, general manager Gallagher of the Cubs. Gallagher, you recall, is the ex-Hearst scab who made his executive debut this spring by sending out general and generous wage slashes to all the Cubs. Herman was one of the seventeen players who responded with the first mass holdout strike in the history of the game. Lacking a union, they didn't win, in the conventional way a strike is won through a collective agreement, but they gave Mr. Gallagher a jolt, forced an upward revision on most of the contracts, and left him with the inevitable result of his policy, a badly shaken and poorly prepared club that has gotten off to a weak start.

Herman is a ten-year veteran, but he's only 33 and the change of pastures should have a salutary effect on his play. He knows how to comport himself with pennant contenders, having starred on several of the Cubs' winners during the past decade, and when the late pressure comes on will certainly be a good guy to have next to young Reese. If I hadn't already picked the Dodgers to win the pennant I'd say that the acquisition of Herman meant the pennant. In fact I'll say it anyhow.

A lot of people laughed at the idea that the BI Vitamin tablets absorbed every day by the St. Louis Cardinals had anything to do with their early success. That was until the old and flat-footed Gus Mancuso sprouted out with a .440 batting average and even beat out an infield hit. Pass the vitamins, kid!

Ken Overlin's wife of four months won't be too sorry if the 32-year old middleweight champ is dethroned Friday night by Billy Soose. She thinks 12 years in the ring is enough. So does the cheerful Ken, but that doesn't mean he won't be levelling for two good reasons. One, he hasn't gotten enough money out of being champ yet, and two, he resents the fact that Soose has been made favorite and secretly relishes the idea of bumping the highly-rated Billy off and ending some of the "cheese champ" talk.

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WANTED: DRIVER with car to leave for  
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# SPORTS

## DAILY WORKERS SPURKS

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1941

## Hank Goodbyes With 2 Homers as Tigers Trim Yanks

Bonham Routed as New Yorkers Are Dropped  
to 4th by 7-4 Trimming; Priddy Homers

Hank Greenberg, who hadn't hit a home run yet this season, said good bye to baseball for this year at least with two booming circuit drives off Ernie Bonham as the Yankee ace was hammered off the mound and the Tigers swept the series with a 7-4 victory at Detroit. Bruce Campbell also belted a pair of homers for the winners, whose fifth straight victory put them in second place in the American League pennant race and dropped the Yankees to fourth.

Johnny Gorsica held the Yanks to five hits, but Gerald Priddy's first homer of the year, coming in the seventh, accounted for three tallies.

Greenberg's homers came on his first two times at bat and were terrific smashes into the upper left field stands, a fitting good bye to baseball by one of the great hitters of history. He leaves this morning for induction into the army.

The Yankees move on to Cleveland, where Maru Russo will face Mel Harder today. The Indians' eleven game winning streak was stopped by Dutch Leonard and the Senators yesterday.

The greatest baseball pitcher in the world will take the mound at the Yankee Stadium this Sunday—but he won't be wearing a Major League uniform.

Leroy "Satchel" Paige, spindly, long-armed Negro whom many big leagues and managers have proclaimed the best ever, will hurl for the Black Yankees in an opening Ruppert Memorial Cup doubleheader against the Philadelphia Stars.

Diamond magnates won't let Satchel and other Negro stars play in the Majors, of course, because they're maintaining Jim-crow bars in the face of national resentment.

Although Satchel is under contract to Kansas City in the Negro American League, he has refused to report and recently returned from a winter's stay in Mexico and Puerto Rico. The great speedball artist has to earn his living by barnstorming all over the hemisphere.

Polansky says he doesn't expect to outrun Les MacMitchell, but he hopes to be close behind him!

Fordham and NYU, which together with Manhattan are best bets for the title, will battle it out in a dual meet at Ohio Field this afternoon. NYU is favored to defeat the Rams.

An alert Daily Worker reader in Syracuse sends us a sports column written by Lawrence J. Skiddy, appearing in the Syracuse Herald Journal, which repeats the usual stale slanders against the Cleveland Indians.

To cap his comments about the "Cry-babies," the Syracuse writer complained that the players "didn't have Vitt a battle, verbally or otherwise."

As most fans understood it, it was the fact that the players DID stand up to Vitt that angered the sports writers. That's why they dubbed Feller et al. "Cry-babies."

The real "Cry-babies" have been sportswriters such as Skiddy, who continue to attack the players for standing up for their rights.

Billy is known as a smart, sure fielder, with lots of knowledge on where to play hitters. He has taken off some excess weight that slowed him down two years ago. At bat he is no power hitter, but a good persistent batman, handy with the hit and run, which the Dodgers use more often than any team in the league.

Johnny Hudson, who will probably replace Billy Myers at shortstop for the Cubs, is a slightly built infielder, who has played brilliant defensive ball and hit fairly well in spurts with Brooklyn. Nobody could understand how he was waved out of the league to Montreal when there were so many teams that could obviously have used him.

Charley Gilbert is the young center fielder who looked so good for a while with Brooklyn last year, but fell off at bat. The Cubs think he'll turn out to be a hitter. He's tops as a center fielder.

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